

Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund Advisory Council Meeting
286 Water Street Augusta, Maine 04333
Third Floor Conference Room
February 5, 2010

Attendee: Eric Frohberg, Andy Smith, Joe Robinson, Peter Doran, Barbara Lenard, Maureen Brown, and Carole Cifrino. Absent: Sid Sewall, MaryAnn Amrich, and Gail Lombardi.

Evaluation Updates (CGR)

MECDC and the Center for Governmental Research (CGR), met for a 3-day work session to sort through the logic model and come to an agreement on how the evaluation plan and reports will be developed. Follow-up webinars/conference calls finalized the Logic Model, identified the data sources, collection methods and frequency. Draft sections of the evaluation plan have been reviewed as well as Quarterly & Annual Reports. The next draft section will be reviewed soon and the entire draft document should be available sometime in March.

Community Grants Updates

The Advisory Board had copies of the latest Community Grant Quarterly Report. Joe presented some of the highlights.

A scheduled second Sharing Summit with our High Density and District (including 2nd Tier) Community Partners will meet in Augusta on March 31st. We will hear how the partners are accomplishing their program objectives (or the challenges to do so) and all the inventive things that they are engaged in that go beyond the prescriptive scope of the contract requirements. Sixteen attended and participated in the first Round Table Discussion last October.

LEAD-SAFE TRAININGS (DEP):

The EPA paint rule is effective April 22 DEP has hired the Instructors to provide Lead-Safe Training in Maine. At this time, only one of them is EPA certified to provide training. Under the RRP training it is obvious that LPPF can only subsidize ~600 Landlords. LPPF has limited funds will offer these "Voucher" to Landlords who participate in the High Density LDT program and through our District Partners. Supporting the Landlords that partner with the High Density groups will help support our own community efforts. Our partners have been working closely with the Instructors to set and sponsor RRP Trainings in their areas.

Sanford has trained two people to be Lead Dust Sampling Technicians. One works for the Housing Authority and the other is the General Assurances Officer. The HA person is incorporating the LDT into their Section 8 inspections. The GA Officer would like to integrate the LDT into their housing inspection when they provide funds for rent.

The Lead Program is looking to help the Local Health Officers (LHO) get training on the signs of lead and lead exposure in buildings, specifically where children are. To be aware and to recognize potential health problems, to know enough about the issue so that they can then make contact with the appropriate person or agency for follow up. The LHOs are required to have six hours of training every three years. A mold module is coming out this spring with training starting by the summer. Many of the LHOs are also code enforcement officers, so the lead and mold training would fit nicely with that job.

Communication Strategy

From a list of 40 applicants and after several rounds of interviews we have hired a Health Communication Specialist. Karen Butts will be moving to Maine from Washington DC. Her start date is March 1st. She holds a MPH from George Washington University. She recently worked for the Deafness Research Foundation, and consultancy work on newsletters and websites for non profits.

A preliminary design has been developed for the Hardware Poster and brochure. It will be Beta Tested in the Augusta area starting in March. After evaluation it will be expanded state-wide

Lead Dust Testing Update

BROCHURES:

Without LDT Offer

On October 26th, the first mailing of the LPPF Brochure (without LDT) was sent out to 20,500 families around the State (excluding the 5 High Density Areas). As of today over 136 postcards were returned for a response-rate of 0.7%. Each District Community Partner received copies of the brochure to disseminate in their area.

With LDT Offer

On November 9th 3,850 Brochures with the offer of a free LDT were sent out to parents in the Portland (including Westbrook & South Portland), Sanford, and Saco & Biddeford areas. As of today 138 postcards were returned for a response rate of 3.6%. Of those returned 130 requested a LDT kit. Of these 11 kits have been returned and analyzed. All so far have indicated low lead dust risk. The Lead Program has taken over the tasks of mailing the results back to the parents with the appropriate information.

The combine total request for all Tip Sheets from both Brochures is - **705**

- Other Sources of Lead - **174**
- Having My Home Inspected for Lead - **162**
- Don't Spread Lead (Lead-Safe Renovation) - **155**
- Testing My Child for Lead - **145**
- Don't Take Lead Home - **69**

The initial mailings produced a moderate return rate with a spike within the first two weeks The 3 High Density Areas who were sent LPPF Brochures with the offered free LDT kits have begun disseminating their allotment.

- Portland has begun their dissemination plan (WIC, Early Head Start, Catholic Charities, and through their community partner relationship with the Minority Health Program)
- Saco/Biddeford began to dispense their brochures in January to Early Head Start clients, WIC clients and through the Head Start ICAN training (all ages of Head Start) and childcare centers
- Sanford started distribution in January with brochures going to Head Start and Healthy Families. Support staff will be distributing the brochures on home visits for both agencies.

A third type of Lead Dust Testing is being offer to parents of children with EBLLs between 10-14ug/dl. These **“B” cases** do not prompt a mandated CLPPP Environmental Investigation. The LDT can be a very useful tool to assist the parents in identifying and locating the lead source and hopefully mitigating the hazard and reduce the chances of further exposure and increased ELBBs in their children.

CLPPP will also be distributing flyers to OB/GYNs starting in February.

CLPPP Update

The LEAD ME group is going very well. They are developing comprehensive goals and thinking through logic models that will represent what all the various participants (DEP, MSHA, MECDC) are or should be doing in Primary Prevention, Secondary Prevention and Surveillance that contribute to those goals.

CLPPP is working with providers, WIC & MaineCare to perform both blood lead and hemoglobin tests for all WIC recipients 9 months, 18 – 24 months and 30 -31.

The idea is to use the sampling to do both tests. The advantage is it will increase screening rates 1 and 2 and 3 years old.

Budget Update:

Letters are going out to paint companies for LPPF fee. The May meeting will look at the draft budget for FY11.

Next meeting

March 19th 2010

Add Surveillance report to the agenda for March, and make it available on shared website page.